

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Over the last couple years, the people of this county have indicated their desire to limit the consolidation of broadcast media. What Sinclair broadcasting is about to do is a good example of why consolidation is bad.

Using public airwaves to unfairly and illegally influence the outcome of the forthcoming presidential election should be prohibited or punished. These are our airwaves, not Sinclair's.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.